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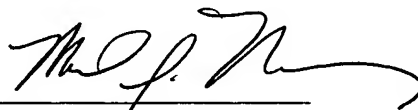
Remarks

Claims 10, 18-19, 21-22, 26, and 29-30 are canceled above without prejudice, claims 9, 12-16, 25 and 42 are amended, and new claims 43-51 are added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this submission or this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for any extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

Respectfully submitted,

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9 (Once Amended). A mixer system comprising:

a bowl for receiving a material to be mixed, said bowl including a protruding part [an outer surface and a mounting bracket coupled to and extending from said outer surface, said mounting bracket having an opening formed therein, said bowl further including a locking bracket coupled to and extending from said outer surface on an opposite side of said bowl relative to said mounting bracket]; and

a mixer body having a [motor for driving a mixing element and] rotatable output component extending downward toward a bowl-receiving yoke shaped to receive said bowl therein, a hinge about which the bowl is pivotable between a loading/unloading position and a closed position relative to said yoke, [said mixer body including a mounting pin coupled to said yoke and being shaped to be received in said opening of said mounting bracket to pivotally couple said bowl to said mixer body, said mixer body further including] a downwardly retractable locking pin coupled to said yoke and being shaped to be received in or located adjacent to said [locking bracket] protruding part of said bowl when said bowl is in the closed position so as to prevent said bowl from pivoting relative to said [mixer body] yoke.

12 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim 9 further comprising a manual locking pin actuator[, said locking pin actuator including a cam coupled to said locking pin and located inside said yoke and a pivotable lock handle operatively coupled to said cam, wherein said lock handle can be pivoted to cause rotation of said cam, which in turn causes said locking pin to be retracted or protruded].

13 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim [9] 12 wherein said [locking pin includes a generally hemispherical tip] manual locking pin actuator includes a handle extending from a side

portion of said yoke.

14 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim 9 wherein [said bowl is pivotable to a closed position wherein said mixer body is generally fully received in said yoke, and wherein] said mixer system further includes a switch located on said mixer body for detecting when said bowl is in said closed position.

15 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim 14 further comprising an actuating assembly coupled to said mixer body and movable toward said switch, said bowl including a protrusion [, wherein when said bowl is in said closed position said protrusion] that engages said actuating assembly when said bowl is in the closed position to urge [and urges] said actuating assembly into contact with said switch to cause said switch to be triggered.

16. The mixer system of claim 15 wherein said [bowl] yoke is vertically movable along said mixer body and said switch is at a fixed vertical position, and wherein said actuating assembly includes a switch plate coupled to move with said yoke and extending generally vertically such that said switch plate can engage said switch during the entire range of vertical motion of said [bowl] yoke relative to said mixer body.

25 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim 24 wherein said actuating assembly is vertically movable along said mixer body, said switch is in a fixed vertical position, and wherein said actuating assembly extends generally vertically such that said actuating assembly can engage said switch for the entire vertical range of motion of said actuating assembly relative to said mixer body.

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42 (Once Amended). The mixer system of claim 41 wherein said bowl is a two piece bowl including a collar and a bowl body shaped to be removably received in said collar.

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